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APPLICATION OF

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE970766

**For certificates of public convenience
and necessity authorizing transmission lines
in the Counties of Bland, Botetourt, Craig,
Giles, Montgomery, Roanoke and Tazewell:
Wyoming-Cloverdale 765 kV Transmission
Line and Cloverdale 500 kV Bus Extension**

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

June 24, 1999

On June 21, 1999, the Bland County Board of Supervisors, Alliance for the Preservation and Protection of Appalachian Land, Inc., and Citizens United to Protect Tazewell County, Inc. (collectively, "Protestants") filed a Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule and to Establish a New Procedural Schedule ("June 21 motion"). Protestants claim their request for a new procedural schedule is necessary to afford newly affected persons the protections mandated by Section 56-46.1E of the Code of Virginia. Protestants also filed motions on May 28, 1999, requesting that Appalachian Power Company (the "Company") be directed to identify an additional alternative transmission corridor, that the Company be directed to redo their karst impact analysis for all corridors, and that the Company be directed to correct other errors in the Wyoming-Cloverdale environmental study ("May 28th motions"). The May 28th motions are cited as further reason for a revision of the procedural schedule.

By Hearing Examiner's Ruling of June 11, 1999, the Company, Staff, and other parties were given until June 25, 1999, to respond to the May 28th motions. By Hearing Examiner's Ruling of June 1, 1999, the procedural schedule, including public hearings in the counties of Bland, Pulaski, Tazewell and Wythe, was established.

I find Protestants' June 21 motion should be taken under advisement. I further find the procedural schedule established by Hearing Examiner's Ruling dated June 1, 1999, shall remain in full force and effect pending my review of those motions and the responses thereto. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED:

(1) That the schedule and hearing dates established by the June 1, 1999 Ruling, shall remain in full force and effect; and

(2) That Protestants' June 21 motion is hereby taken under advisement until further ruling by the Examiner.

Howard P. Anderson, Jr.
Hearing Examiner